

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. **(Cancelled)**.

2. **(Currently amended)** A device according to claim 20, wherein the mould [(31)] is rectangular transverse to the casting direction.

3. **(Cancelled)**.

4. **(Cancelled)**.

5. **(Currently amended)** A device according to claim 20, wherein the magnetic cores (25-28) are arranged with a space therebetween and the coil (36, 37) is positioned substantially right in front of said space.

6. **(Currently amended)** A device according to claim 20, wherein the yoke (32, 33) substantially defines a bar or plate, and the coil (36, 37) is wound around a centre portion (34, 35) of the bar or plate.

7. **(Cancelled)**.

8. **(Currently amended)** A device according to claim 20, wherein the yoke (32, 33) comprises a portion (34, 35) which is detachable from the rest of the yoke (32, 33) and carries the coil (36, 37).

9. **(Currently amended)** A device according to claim 8, wherein the yoke (32, 33) defines a cradle arranged to receive the portion (34, 35) carrying the coil (36, 37) and allow displacement of said portion (34, 35) substantially vertically out of said cradle.

10. **(Currently amended)** A device according to claim 9, wherein the yoke (32, 33), in addition to said portion (34, 35) carrying the coil (36, 37), comprises two yoke parts (38, 39; 40, 41), arranged on opposite sides of this portion (34, 35), forming said cradle,

and each having a surface {46, 47; 48, 49} adapted to abut against a respective magnetic core {25, 26; 27, 28}.

11. **(Currently amended)** A device according to claim 20, wherein the yoke {32, 33} comprises at least one portion {42-45} detachably connected to the rest of the yoke {32, 33} and arranged to be detached for access of parts of the device which are arranged vertically under the electromagnetic brake.

12. **(Currently amended)** A device according to claim 11, wherein said portion {42-45} is a peripheral portion of the yoke {32, 33} pivoted relative to the rest of the yoke {32, 33}.

13-19. **(Cancelled).**

20. **(Currently amended)** A device for continuous or semi-continuous casting of metals, comprising a mould and an electromagnetic brake, said mould having two opposing long sides and defining a casting direction and said electromagnetic brake comprising [[two]] first and second magnetic cores {25, 26; 27, 28} arranged on one said long side of the mould {31} and permanently attached thereto, and a yoke {32, 33} which is detachably connected to the [[two]] first and second magnetic cores {25, 26; 27, 28}, said yoke {32, 33} carrying at least one coil {36, 37}, substantially between the [[two]] first and second magnetic cores {25, 26; 27, 28} interconnected by the yoke {32, 33}, wherein the coil {36, 37} is substantially parallel to said one long side {29, 30} of the mould {31}, the a centre axis of the coil {36, 37} extends substantially perpendicularly to said casting direction in the mould {31}, and the

magnetic cores (25, 26; 27, 28) cover substantially ~~an entire width the~~
~~long side of the mould (31)~~, except for a center portion of the mould (31)
thereof.

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26. (Previously presented) A device according to claim 10,
wherein said two yoke parts are each generally L-shaped.

27. (New) A device for casting metals comprising a mould having
two opposed long sides that define a downward casting direction, and an
electromagnetic brake, said electromagnetic brake comprising:

first and second spaced magnetic cores permanently attached to an
outer side of one of said long sides of said mould, and

a yoke which comprises first and second parts which are
respectively detachably connected to said first and second magnetic
cores, a third part positioned between said first and second parts, and a
coil wrapped around said third part so that a center axis thereof extends
substantially perpendicularly to said casting direction, said first and
second parts each defining a ledge for providing a cradle on which the
third portion can be downwardly positioned.